

Public Outreach and Consultation to Forest Management Projects Proposed January 2015

Two public meetings were held in January of 2015 and a third in April of 2015 to present information and receive and address comments to the 4 forest management projects proposed (Potter Mountain, South River, Erving Red Pine, and Hansen Lot). The meetings were held January 23, 28 and April 28 at the DCR Western Regional Headquarters in Pittsfield, the DCR Amherst Field Office and the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center in Sudbury respectively.

No members of the general public attended the public meetings in Pittsfield or Amherst. Dick Lindsay of the Berkshire Eagle attended the Pittsfield meeting and produced [this article](#). John Scanlon of the MA Division of Fish and Wildlife attended the Amherst meeting and presented [this program](#) on the importance of forest management to create young forest conditions. At the Sudbury meeting, DCR Management Forester Mike Waterman made [this presentation](#).

Written comments were requested and received from January 21 until March 7. Additionally, the Hansen Lot was reposted for comment April 1 – March 15 to coincide with the April public meeting. One written comment was received concerning the Pittsfield State Forest Proposal and can be seen by linking [here](#). There were no other written comments received. The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forestry (BOF) reviewed the comment and per policy has prepared a written response.